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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 3, relative to group insurance for local education employees.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-301, is amended by adding the following as a new and appropriately designated subsection:

(h) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, the local education insurance committee shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the amounts paid for health insurance for any local education agency's non-professional employees, including, but not limited to nurses, teaching assistants, school secretaries, system secretaries, custodians, transportation personnel, and maintenance and operation personnel. Each local education agency shall pay on behalf of nonprofessional education employees participating in the health insurance coverage authorized by § 8-27-302 (a) or subdivision (a)(2) as a minimum the percentage specified in the general appropriations act of the premium collected on behalf of each such employee.

Distribution of a like amount to each non-professional education employee through a flexible spending arrangement authorized by Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code shall satisfy the requirements of this subsection. The local education insurance

committee shall certify such amounts to the commissioner of education and the director of each local education agency each fiscal year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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